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Eisenhower Lauds C. I. A. Peace Role

Helps Lay Stone For Huge New Building

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Intelligence, vital in war time, is equally important during peace to serve not only the security of the nation but the cause of world peace, President Eisenhower declared today.

He spoke at cornerstone-laying ceremonies for the giant new Central Intelligence Agency building at Langley, Va., a dozen miles outside of the capital. Mr. Eisenhower said:

"The very nature the work of the agency demands of its members the highest order of dedication, ability, trustworthiness and selflessness—to say nothing of the finest type of courage whenever needed."

"Unsung Heroes"

"Success cannot be advertised; failure cannot be explained. In the work of Intelligence, heroes are undecorated and unsung, often even among their own fraternity. . . . Their reward can be little except the conviction that they are performing a unique and indispensable service for their country, and the knowledge that America needs and appreciates their efforts. I assure you this is indeed true."

After this ceremony, the President, who had motored to the C. I. A. building site, stopping briefly en route to cut a ribbon opening a new link in the George Washington Memorial Highway along the Potomac River, then boarded a helicopter, flew to Gettysburg, Pa., to vote at his legal residence, and was back in the White House by early afternoon, landing on the south lawn of the mansion's grounds.

Dulles Speaks

Allen W. Dulles, C. I. A. director, whose work in heading the super-secret world-covering agency was praised by Mr. Eisenhower remarked in a brief speech "facts have no politics," remarking that the twelve-year-old agency had been sponsored by a Democratic President, approved by a Republican Congress and during the "past crucial years it has had the unfailing support of a Republican President and a Democratic Congress." He said of the creation of the agency:

"World War II and its aftermath and the international Communist threat had already brought home to us that our vital interests were at stake in places as distant as Korea, Laos, Africa, and the islands of the Pacific, as well as in this hemisphere and in Europe. Since then, our country's ever-expanding responsibilities have increased the needs for better information from the four corners of the earth, and for sound analysis of that information."

Agency Duties

It is the particular duty of this agency to help (guide foreign policy) in a world where change is the order rather than the exception. This task must be carried out fearlessly, without warping to meet our prejudices or our predictions or even the tenets of existing policy.

"... The guiding motto to be inscribed on the face of this building will be the words taken from the Gospel according to St. John: 'Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'"

Mr. Dulles, a brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, called on Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy and Under-Secretary of State Robert Murphy to assist the President and himself in wielding trowels on the cornerstone mortar. With the President, he had them lay their hands on the white marble cornerstone as it was slowly lowered into place.

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Contents of Box

"No, it's a secret," he jokingly replied to a demand he tell the contents of the cornerstone box. Actually, its contents are not a secret. They include a 1944 memorandum from the late Gen. William J. Donovan, head of the World War II Office of Strategic Services, whose widow was present, to President Roosevelt urging establishment of a permanent centralized intelligence service, related documents, a recording of today's ceremonies, and microfilm copies of daily and weekly newspapers of this date.

Top officials of the government, with their wives, attended the ceremony in bright, chilly sunshine. The invocation and benediction were pronounced by Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the Senate, and the U. S. Air Force band provided music, including honors to the President and the national anthem.

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